outside the state. Recently developed toria variety TS-46 ranked first in the coordinated trial. Hybrid varieties of rice have been also developed. In-vitro propagation technique of lemon, orchid, banana, turmeric, ginger, kadam, bamboo, ramie etc. have been developed.

Across the years, crop management research laid emphasis on cultural practices such as optimum time and method of sowing, optimising plant population through seed rate and spacing and weed management of various crops. Based on the findings a precise schedule of cultural practices have been formulated for all the field and horticultural crops of Assam. Some significant findings are; technology for mixed cropping of Ahu and Bao, Ahu and Asra; staggered planting of Sali rice, technology for late planted Sali rice and double transplanting for meeting the seeding requirement under post flood condition; technology for rice planting in hilly slopes, identification of cropping sequences for different farming situations, recommendations of irrigation schedule; integrated nutrient management both in cropping system and individual crops, recommendation of improved practices alternative to Jhum for higher production as well as to maintain the fertility statues of jhumming areas; Development of food-forage cropping sequence; technology for four ratoon crops of sugarcane.

The scientists have also evolved measures for control/management of major pest and diseases of the region. Apart from these, significant research on soil microbiology, Apiculture, Sericulture, Agro Forestry,

Tea Husbandry, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Economics and Fisheries has been done.

Assistance to Boost Milk Production

†2332. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise production of milk in the country; and what was the position as to its production in last three years; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government propose to extend assistance to boost milk production in Rajasthan and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The State-wise production of milk for the last three years is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Animal Husbandry is a State subject. However, to supplement the efforts of Rajasthan Government, various Central/Centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented by the Government of India. Some of the important schemes are as follows:

1. Extension Frozen Semen Technology and Progeny Testing Programme
2. National Bull Production Programme
3. Assistance to States for feed and fodder
4. National Rinderpest Eradication Programme
5. Assistance to states for control of Animal diseases

It is anticipated that the implementation of these schemes would result in a substantial increase in milk production.

Statement

Milk Production in India for the Last 3 Years

(Million Tonnes)

States	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99*
1. Andhra Pradesh	4.470	4.510	4.620
2. Arunachal Pradesh	0.044	0.044	0.045
3. Assam	0.740	0.775	0.798
4. Bihar	3.399	3.475	3.498
5. Goa	0.039	0.039	0.041
6. Gujarat	4.831	4.860	4.903
7. Haryana	4.204	4.082	4.527
8. Himachal Pradesh	0.698	0.707	0.728
9. Jammu & Kashmir	0.900	0.938	0.990
10. Karnataka	3.460	3.970	4.378

States	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99*
11. Kerala	2.258	2.348	2.675
12. Madhya Pradesh	5.224	5.378	5.442
13. Maharashtra	5.127	5.209	5.608
14. Manipur	0.062	0.062	0.065
15. Meghalaya	0.058	0.059	0.061
16. Mizoram	0.009	0.020	0.022
17. Nagaland	0.045	0.046	0.048
18. Orissa	0.687	0.670	0.745
19. Punjab	6.755	7.350	7.570
20. Rajasthan	5.873	5.500	6.150
21. Sikkim	0.034	0.035	0.040
22. Tamil Nadu	3.976	4.000	4.275
23. Tripura	0.040	0.047	0.045
24. Uttar Pradesh	12.387	12.934	13.552
25. West Bengal	3.376	3.415	3.441
State Total	**68.696**	**70.473**	**74.266**
UTs.			
26. A&N Islands	0.021	0.022	0.022
27. Chandigarh	0.042	0.043	0.043
28. D.&N. Haveli	0.004	0.004	0.008
29. Daman Diu	0.001	0.001	0.001
30. Delhi	0.264	0.266	0.289
31. Lakshadweep	0.001	0.001	0.001
32. Pondicherry	0.037	0.037	0.036
UT Total	**0.370**	**0.374**	**0.400**
All India Total	**69.066**	**70.847**	**74.666**

*Provisional